

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Shanna D. Knights et al.
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For : SUPPORTED CATALYSTS FOR THE ANODE OF A VOLTAGE
REVERSAL TOLERANT FUEL CELL

Examiner : Dah Wei D. Yuan
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

By Office Action mailed November 2, 2006, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I, including claims 1-15, directed to a fuel cell with improved reversal tolerance (classified in class 429, subclass 12); and

Group II, including claims 16-21, directed to a method of making a fuel cell more tolerant to voltage reversal (classified in class 429, subclass 13).

Election of Group I.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I for examination.

Election of Species I-4.

Within Group I, the Examiner has also required Applicants to elect one of four species (*i.e.*, species I-1 through I-4) for purpose of initial examination. Applicants hereby elect Species I-4 for examination at this time (*i.e.*, claims 10-15), with the understanding that should the Examiner find the elected species patentable, the Examiner will broaden the search to encompass the remaining species.

Summary

In view of the above remarks, consideration and allowance of the elected subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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